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In re application of: **Toru KAMIMURA et al.**

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For: **SOUND REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 2-4 and 6-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A sound reproducing apparatus, comprising:  
a recording means for recording into a recording medium a data file in which a sound signal encoded in a first format and a first decoding program according to said first format are stored;  
a storing means for storing a second decoding program according to a second format;

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